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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.                                      |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Naughton et al. (6344861).

Re claim 1, Naughton et al. discloses an information processing apparatus comprising:

a room image storage means for storing an image of a structure of a room (see figure 7 for example);

an item image storage means for storing an image of an item to be operated (see figure 7 for example);

a display control means for controlling display of a whole image on a display means by reading said image of said item selected by a user from said item image storage means while reading said image of said room selected by said user from said image storage means, and forming said whole image such that said image of said item is incorporated in said image of said room (see abstract for example).

Re claim 2, Naughton et al. discloses an information processing apparatus, further comprising a character image storage means for storing an image of a character (agent 41 for example), wherein said display control means controls display of a whole image on said display means by reading said image of said character selected by said user from said character image storage means, and forming said whole image such that said image of said item read through selection by said user and said image of said character read through selection by said user are incorporated in said image of said room selected by said user (see column 14 lines 31-44 for example).

Re claim 3, Naughton et al. discloses an information processing apparatus, wherein said display control means selectively controls by high luminance, display of an outline of a item from a plurality of items incorporated in said whole image according to an operation by an operation means (see column 18 lines 40-45 for example).

Re claim 4, Naughton et al. discloses an information processing apparatus, wherein said display control means supplementarily controls display of a function included in said item having the outline thereof displayed by high luminance (see abstract and column 18 lines 40-45 for example).

Re claim 5, Naughton et al. discloses an information processing apparatus, wherein said display control means displays said character so as to have said character located in the vicinity of said item having the outline thereof selectively displayed by high luminance (see abstract and columns 18 lines 40-45 for example).

Re claim 6, Naughton et al. discloses an information processing apparatus, wherein, when an instruction to copy information of a first item to a second item is

issued, said display control means controls display of said character in order to pick up a designated object from said first item and place said picked up object on said second item (see column 13 lines 6-9 and abstract for example) .

Re claim 7, Naughton et al. discloses an information processing apparatus, wherein, when an instruction to copy information of a first item to a second item is issued, said display control means controls display of said character and displays said information of said first item pasted on an input screen of said second item (see column 13 lines 6-9 and abstract for example).

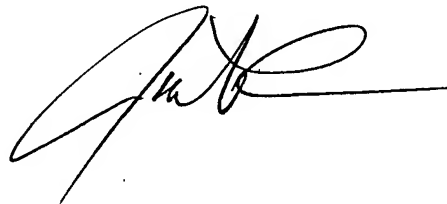
### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinhee J. Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-1977. The examiner can normally be reached on M- F at 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on 571-272-2100 ext. 74. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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